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DLCA POLICY ON GENERAL CONTRACTORS LICENSES

In the interest of protecting the consumer, and to provide information to interested individuals and the general consumer public, the Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs offers the following:

The Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs is seriously concerned with complaints regarding certain licensees operating outside the scope of their business license. Specifically, certain trade contractors are misrepresenting themselves as Construction Contractors and as operators of General Construction Companies.

Pursuant to the Virgin Islands Code, individuals seeking to hold a license as a Construction Contractor must sit and pass a written and practical examination administered through the department to demonstrate that they have sufficient knowledge, technical training and administrative ability to perform, supervise and manage the practice of general construction. An individual seeking to hold a General Construction Company license must be a licensed General Contractor.

While individuals holding single a license or a combination of licenses such as Masonry Contractor, Carpentry Contractor and Roofing Contractor may possess the type of knowledge to enable them to perform many tasks needed to construct homes or repair buildings, in the absence of a General Contractors license, the law prohibits them from doing so or from representing themselves to the public as a general contractor. Unfortunately, many of these individuals are doing just that.

To prevent such misrepresentation, the following policy shall be immediately implemented for all new applicants: Masonry contractor, Carpentry contractor and Roofing contractor licenses will not be issued in any combination to the same individual or entity. Each one of these licenses however can be issued in conjunction with any two of the following licenses:

- Tile setting Contractor
- Plastering Contractor
- Drywall/Sheetrock Installation Contractor
- Painting Contractor



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In order for an individual to hold licenses in the restricted combinations, that individual must apply for and pass the examination to hold a General Construction Contractor License through the Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs-Division of Board and Commissions. This policy is being put in place for the protection of the consumer in order to ensure that the work performed in the field of construction is of the highest caliber. It is incumbent upon the consumer to insist upon the production of the appropriate and current Virgin Islands license prior to contracting any individual to perform work of any kind.

For further information, contact the Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs at the following numbers: 713.3522 on St. Croix; 714.3522 on St. Thomas.



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